



**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 26964U

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

SCHMIDT

Confirmation No. 6178

Serial No: 10/549,631

Group Art Unit: 1612

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Examiner: BASQUILL, S.M.

For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING CRYSTALLINE CICLESONIDE WITH  
DEFINED PARTICLE SIZE**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated December 30, 2009 in the above-identified application. The three-month shortened statutory deadline expires March 30, 2010. As such, this Response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is also filed herewith to remove the finality of the Official Action and to ensure full consideration of the amendments submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears on page 16 of this paper.